

Community Issues Report

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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2012**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

Safety, Nutrition Education, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Anti Texting and driving, Learn CPR, Autism Awareness, March of Dimes, Mental Health Association, Mammogram testing.

Oct. 1, 2012

While this weekend marked the unofficial end to summer, there are still weeks left of hot weather in the Carolinas. But doctors are saying we should already be preparing for fall, at least, when it comes to the flu. Dr. Justin Moll at Parkside Pediatrics in Greenville said last winter, his office only saw three or four flu cases, as opposed to the few hundred they normally treat. He said the year after a slow flu season - that's this year - is usually challenging. Moll said this year, the H1N1 strain is still predicted to be a problem, but there are also two brand new strands of flu A and flu B. Just last week, the Centers for Disease Control reported an Ohio man died from H3N2v, a type of swine flu. The CDC recommends high risk people to avoid pigs on farms or at fairs this fall and for everyone to wash their hands with soap multiple times a day, stay away from others who are sick and cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing. Experts said the best prevention is the flu shot. Moll said it is not too early for the shot. He said it may take a week or two for the vaccine to kick in, so getting it earlier in the season is better for prevention. Clinics are set up across the region. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control lists them online .

Oct. 2, 2012

Is organic produce and meat better than any other produce or meat on store shelves? A Stanford University study says maybe not. The study says organic food and conventional food share the same nutritional value. "You can find certain things in organic food that are beneficial but often not as much as people think," says Dr. Marcus Newberry, M.D., owner of the Nutritional Health Center. Newberry says when it comes to fruits and vegetables, the most important thing to do whether organic or not is to wash the fruit, which will remove both pesticides and bacteria. But when it comes to meat, Newberry suggests organic meat is better, especially if it is grass fed rather than grain fed. "So meat that's grown in that way has some problems with it so pasture-fed animals are better and more nutritious." He says the organic meat won't have antibiotic steroids in it and that is the only case in which buying organic may be worth the money.

Oct. 4, 2012

Twelve-year-old Jaxon Youngblood is like any kid. He loves video games and sports like soccer. The sixth-grader was out with his parents two weeks ago school shopping and they began to notice a few things. "We have really been watching Jaxon because he was thirsty a lot and urinating a lot," said Jaxon's mom, Kristy Youngblood. She said while shopping he asked for a soda and instantly got sick after a few sips. So, he was rushed to the hospital. "His sugar level 1051 and they told us we were very lucky he was alive and not in coma," Kristy Youngblood said. A normal blood sugar level is about 80, so Jaxon's was 10 times what it was supposed to be. Today, he's taking insulin shots daily and even giving them to himself. "I just watch my mom do it a couple times and I got the hang of it," Jaxon said. It's a new diagnosis for this family, but they tell FOX Carolina with the help of JDRF, they've learned so much about Type 1 diabetes. "Most people think it just affects juveniles and children, but 85 percent have been adults," said JDRF spokeswoman Laura Barlow. It's an organization Jaxon's mom is thankful to have over the next weeks and months to come. "We just rely on each other and the whole type one community. It's been really amazing. The support and people telling me he's going to be OK," she said. JDRF will host its annual Walk to Cure Diabetes this Saturday morning at 9:30 at the BMW Performance Center in Greer. Registration will start at 8 a.m. and FOX Carolina's Greg Funderburg will be the master of ceremonies.

Oct. 9, 2012

South Carolina health officials are warning visitors to the upcoming state fair to be vigilant about a new strain of swine flu. The Department of Health and Environmental Control said Tuesday it is working with Clemson University to prevent the spread of the new flu strain known as H3N2v. Interim State Epidemiologist Linda Bell says the virus circulates in pigs and has infected people in several states but not South Carolina. It can be directly transmitted between people and swine, but officials say people cannot get sick by eating properly handled and prepared pork products. To prevent the spread of the illness, Bell recommends frequent hand-washing and never taking food or drink into animal areas at the fair. The South Carolina State Fair runs Oct. 10-21 in Columbia.

Oct. 16, 2012

Two people have contracted West Nile in Greenwood County - the first time the virus has been found in the county since 2003. West Nile is a virus that is carried by birds. Humans contract the disease when they are bitten by a mosquito which has fed on an infected bird. Symptoms mimic the flu and include fever, headache, joint pain, muscle pain and occasionally nausea and vomiting. The state Department of Health and Environmental Control said the two cases of the bug-borne illness in Greenwood County were reported to the agency on Aug. 29 and Sept. 6. In 2003, three birds in the county tested positive for the West Nile virus. According to DHEC, 28 people have contracted the illness in South Carolina this year. An elderly Aiken County resident died from the disease earlier this month - the only death from the disease in South Carolina this year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 2,636 people have been infected nationwide this year - a record number since the disease was first found in the U.S. in 1999. Nearly 120 cases of the illness were fatal.

Nov. 2, 2012

Health officials say one clinic in South Carolina received a batch of drugs used for steroid shots that have been linked to a rare form of meningitis. The Department of Health and Environmental Control said Friday that no cases of fungal meningitis have been reported in South Carolina. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 35 people in six other states have contracted meningitis. Five of them have died. DHEC refused to release the name or location of the clinic, saying it did nothing wrong. Officials say they have notified 177 of the 189 patients who got spinal steroid injections from the clinic to discuss their health and the symptoms of meningitis. DHEC says residents don't need to worry unless they have heard from the clinic or the agency.

Nov. 7, 2012

It may surprise some to learn that 5.5 million Americans are dealing with Alzheimer's, including one Upstate family that has dealt with the disease for years. Alzheimer's has no cure and comes with staggering costs, not just financially but it also takes a toll on families. One in eight older people in the United States has the disease, and it is the sixth leading cause of death. It takes \$200 billion a year to care for people with Alzheimer's and other types of dementia. For about 14 years Meredith McGinnis has faced the slow decline of her husband Mike, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in his mid-40s. "He started to repeat questions or repeat something that he would say to me and I also noticed some disorganization," said Meredith McGinnis. That was unusual for the software engineer who was usually very organized. Mike McGinnis was a former college pole vaulter; he volunteered as a track coach, and is a father of two kids in middle and high school. "I just kind of put it to stress," she said. "Operating a new business was hard, it was a brand new venture to him, so I didn't think about it for a while. Then it started to bug me." And one day, Mike McGinnis realized something was wrong, too. "He went to apply for a job and couldn't answer the questions on the test and he was very concerned at that point and then we started the process of trying to find out what was going on," said Meredith McGinnis. It took years, but in 2006, Mike McGinnis was officially diagnosed with Alzheimer's and his wife became his caregiver and the family's primary wage earner. "The more disabled he became, the more responsibilities I took - for keeping up with doctor's appointments, medications, and his personal care eventually," she said. It's a difficult road to walk for Meredith McGinnis and their children, who are now grown. She describes many moments as bittersweet. "Mike was able to be part of our daughter's wedding last summer," she said. "He was able to walk with her, but he wasn't able to go to Peter's graduation in May." So they hold on to memories, like the photos in their albums, as a connection to the past that means so much. "I still look at him and he's still there, down in there somewhere," Meredith McGinnis said. "I hold onto moments, the moments when I look at him and he looks at me and I know he knows who I am. Those are really important." Meredith McGinnis said one of the main support systems she has is through the Alzheimer's Association, who helps her and many others in similar situations. "We often say it's such a cruel disease because it takes that person from you before it physically takes that person from you," said Kimberly Williams, with the Alzheimer's Association. "It takes the person from you twice... so it's a really difficult disease." The association is raising awareness and money to help push for a cure. They are having an upcoming walk to end Alzheimer's. The walk is on Saturday Oct. 20 and starts at 9 a.m. at the Greenville County Square.

Nov. 9, 2012

North Carolina health officials say an E. coli outbreak is responsible for the illness of 13 people who attended the Cleveland County Fair. State health officials say people from Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln counties have reported becoming sick after visiting the fair in Shelby. Several victims were treated and released from hospitals. A 12-year-old Gaston County boy is hospitalized in Charlotte in intensive care. The bacterium is found in the waste of animals such as cattle, sheep and goats. State Health Director Laura Gerald says those who touch contaminated material such as food or animals can transfer the bacteria to their mouths, or to other people. Eight children and five adults have become sick. Eight are from Cleveland County, four from Gaston County, and one from Lincoln County.

Nov. 14, 2012

Health officials in North Carolina say the number of E. coli cases linked to the Cleveland County Fair has climbed to 61. The state Department of Health and Human Services said Wednesday that 38 children and 23 adults have been affected by the outbreak. Eleven people have been hospitalized, and officials said there are three cases from South Carolina. A 2-year-old died of complications from the bacterial illness. The nine-day fair ended Oct. 7. Health officials say symptoms of E. coli infection could come up to 10 days after exposure and can include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting. Officials haven't yet determined the source of the outbreak.

Nov. 16, 2012

A South Carolina woman who did not know she was pregnant has given birth inside a grocery store. James Island Fire Chief Chris Seabolt says firefighters responded to a Bi-Lo supermarket about lunchtime Thursday. The woman had already given birth inside the store's restroom. Seabolt said the mother and child were taken to a hospital and both appear to be fine. He didn't have any more details, although a store employee said the woman worked at the supermarket and did not know she was pregnant.

Nov. 20, 2012

The Food and Drug Administration released a list Monday of the healthcare facilities that received products from the lab that is believed to have started the outbreak, but now the FDA has said the list is inaccurate. St. Francis Health System in the Upstate did receive shipments from the Massachusetts lab that is under investigation, but they did not receive the infected steroid shots linked to the fungal meningitis outbreak. They did receive other medications that have since been pulled, and they're working on notifying patients, according to Dr. Frank Smeeks, MD and Chief Medical Officer for St. Francis Health System. The FDA posted the list of healthcare facilities online that have purchased medicine from the New England Compounding Center, but then took the list down after they said some of the information was incorrect. The FDA has said it will repost the corrected list as soon as possible. Nearly 1,300 healthcare facilities were on the list. Thus far, 23 people have died in connection with the Meningitis outbreak and nearly 300 have gotten sick. The FDA said the outbreak is connected to a steroid shot that was distributed to clinics in 23 states. All of the company's products have since been recalled.

Nov. 22, 2012

Health officials said they have the first fungal meningitis case reported in South Carolina probably linked to the nationwide outbreak. Officials with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control said the South Carolina resident's meningitis is potentially linked to the contaminated product called methylprednisolone acetate. They said the case is associated with a physician's practice in the Charleston area. Health officials are waiting for additional laboratory testing to confirm the diagnosis of fungal meningitis and to rule out other potential causes of meningitis. At this time, officials said the case is considered probable. "The patient is being treated with anti-fungal medications based on treatment guidelines recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," said Dr. Linda Bell, M.D. and interim state epidemiologist. "Fungal meningitis poses no additional risk to others, as it is not transmitted from person to person." One clinic in South Carolina received a possibly tainted supply of the medication, DHEC officials said Oct. 5. DHEC refused to release the name or location of the clinic, saying it did nothing wrong. Officials said they had notified patients who got spinal steroid injections from the clinic to discuss their health and the symptoms of meningitis. DHEC said residents don't need to worry unless they have heard from the clinic or the agency. In the Upstate, St. Francis Health Systems said they received medicine from New England Compounding Center, but not the meningitis-linked injections. Those medications have since been pulled, and they're working on notifying patients, according to Dr. Frank Smeeks, MD and chief medical officer for St. Francis Health System. Nationally, 317 cases of fungal meningitis have been identified as of Thursday and there have been 24 deaths. The Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration are coordinating the multi-state meningitis investigation. The Massachusetts-based company has recalled the contaminated steroid shots along with all of their other medications as a result of the outbreak.

Nov. 29, 2012

North Carolina officials say two people in the Triad have died in the state's first deaths of the 2012-2013 flu season. State Health Director Laura Gerald said Thursday one of the two adults was at higher risk for complications because of advanced age and pre-existing medical conditions. The other had no known risk factors for severe influenza illness. Neither victim had been vaccinated against the contagious illness. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that just under half of North Carolinians were immunized against flu last year. Nine died in the state and about 25,000 nationwide during the last fall-to-spring season ending in May. Flu vaccine is especially recommended for pregnant women, people with chronic diseases, the very young children, and the elderly.

Dec. 11, 2012

Several organizations are trying to convince South Carolina lawmakers to expand Medicaid rolls in the state despite objections from Gov. Nikki Haley. Health care advocates held sessions Tuesday in Columbia arguing that Medicaid expansion is an investment in the economy, the health of its people, and will also boost jobs. The federal-state program covers the poor and disabled. Lathan Woodard of the South Carolina Primary Care Association says people with access to health care are more productive workers. The federal government says it will pay the full cost of the expansion through 2016. Haley and her Medicaid director say the state can't afford to pay for the match after that. They want to opt out of any expansion, but the decision is up to lawmakers in the General Assembly.

Dec. 12, 2012

A legislative panel will consider changes to make it tougher to manufacture meth, including requiring a prescription for cold remedies containing one of the main ingredients. A House committee is meeting Wednesday to discuss recommendations for the 2013 legislative session, which begins Jan. 30. Among the

possibilities is requiring a prescription for cold medicines containing pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient in making meth. Pharmacies now must enter customers into a national database when they buy cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine. The database blocks the sale if the person has gone on a buying spree for the drug. The committee also will consider increasing penalties for manufacturing meth when children are present. Meth is a potent stimulant that can be cooked up from over-the-counter household products, often leaving behind a toxic mess.

Dec. 18, 2012

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says the shooting rampage at a Connecticut elementary school should prompt discussions about mental health treatment, not anti-gun laws. The Republican governor said Thursday no amount of gun control can stop someone from getting a gun. But she says boosting mental health spending can hopefully detect and treat issues before people become violent. The mother of two says the death of 20 students and six teachers in Newtown, CT., last week was absolutely heartbreaking but should not lead to emotion-based decision-making. Haley's budget proposal for 2013-14 includes an additional \$11 million for the Department of Mental Health, on top of this year's increase. She says prior budget cuts decimated the agency, and lawmakers nationwide have put off dealing with mental health issues for too long.

Dec. 26, 2012

Health officials in South Carolina are reporting the first flu death of the season is in Barnwell County. The Department of Health and Environmental Control said Wednesday that flu season has started earlier than usual. Widespread cases of the virus have been reported across the state with the peak of flu season still three months away in the heart of winter. Health officials say there is still time to get a flu shot, but people should hurry because it takes two weeks to build to full immunity. DHEC estimates 400,000 people in South Carolina will get the flu during this flu season. Health officials did not release any additional details on the flu death.

Dec. 27, 2012

A father is facing manslaughter charges after his child was fatally shot with a gun he owns. The 2-year-old, who would have turned three in March, was shot on Daisy Lane around 6 p.m. Christmas Day. Horry Coroner Robert Edge tells WMBF News that the child, identified as Sincere Smith, died from a gunshot wound to the chest while en route to the Medical University of South Carolina. Sgt. Robert Kegler, spokesman for the Horry County Police Dept., says the child shot himself with a handgun. The gun, which was sitting on a table when the child grabbed it, belongs to 30-year-old Rondell Javon Smith of Conway. Family of the 2-year-old say Rondell Smith is his father. The family said Smith is a good father, and only had the gun after he had concerns about his neighborhood. Neighbors who live near Daisy Lane said the accidental shooting could have been prevented. "I'm shocked that a baby got killed on Christmas. We just had people do a shootout in school in Newark, [Newton] Connecticut and kill a bunch of people and that's crazy. I mean people shouldn't have guns if they're not gonna have them locked up," Steve Nelson said. "People should have a right to have guns. It's up to the people in making sure they're safe. I'm a firm believer on this. There's no reason why somebody can't go out and hunt and then lock their gun up. It's people who are being stupid and leaving things like that laying around. A child should've never gotten it. And that's the bottom line," Luci Robbins said. Smith has been charged with involuntary manslaughter. He was released from J. Reuben Long Detention Center Wednesday afternoon with a \$500 personal recognizance bond.

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Jobs, Economy, Growth

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2012**

Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

DATE

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PROGRAM

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

South Carolina National Guard

Oct. 3, 2012

A plastic automotive components manufacturer said it will open a new facility in Greenville County, creating 119 jobs and a \$12 million investment. South Carolina Plastics LLC, a subsidiary of Carolina Technical Plastics Corporation, made the announcement on Wednesday. The manufacturing plant will be located at 800 Woodside Ave. in Greenville County once they complete due diligence activities and acquisition of the Fountain Inn site. The company produces automotive components such as door modules, door handles, cable drum housings and covers for seat belts, among other components for the automotive, home appliance, medical and rail industries. Their new facility is expected to be operational by February 2013. The company will begin hiring for the new positions in the coming months. Interested job candidates should contact Robin Gibson at robin.gibson@ctplastics.net. The company received a governor's closing fund grant worth \$825,000 for building upfit, site preparation and infrastructure, which was approved by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development.

Oct. 10, 2012

Nearly 600 people will be without a job as a Seneca manufacturing plant moves its jobs to Costa Rica during the next three years. According to a statement provided by Oconee County Economic Development Commission Executive Director Richard Blackwell, Covidien announced plans Wednesday to close its facility in Seneca. In the statement, company officials said 595 full-time and temporary employees will be impacted by the closure. They said employees will be provided with comprehensive severance and outplacement services. They said employees also will be able to apply for other jobs within Covidien. "The Covidien news today is painful," Blackwell said. "Anytime a citizen of Oconee County loses his or her job, it hurts as it has ripple effects throughout the community." Covidien said the Seneca plant's closure will not effect its facilities in Greenwood and Camden.

Oct. 15, 2012

The agency that tracks South Carolina's unemployment rate is downsizing. The Department of Employment and Workforce said Monday it would cut more than 130 jobs statewide. The cuts begin this month and are expected to be completed by June. Officials say the reductions come after the elimination of federal funding for emergency compensation and extended benefits programs. Executive director Abraham Turner says people receiving benefits from the agency will not be affected by the cuts. South Carolina's jobless rate held fast at 9.6 percent in August, essentially remaining the same as in July. That figure placed state unemployment as the sixth-highest in the nation. September numbers are scheduled Friday.

Oct. 24, 2012

A company in Greenville wants to hire 150 seasonal workers, and the jobs have a great chance of becoming regular positions. Officials at Perceptis, a provider of helpdesk and service desk support to the higher education market, said Wednesday they want to hire people who can type at least 40 word per minute, pass a background check and are available to work between 8 a.m. and midnight. Interested applicants can find more information about the available positions at perceptis.com

Oct. 25, 2012

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a series of job fairs nationwide for veterans and active-duty military, including one in Spartanburg on Thursday. The Hiring Our Heroes job fair is from 9 a.m. until noon. It is being held at the National Guard Armory located at 301 N. Campus Blvd. on the campus of USC Upstate. The free hiring fair is for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members, and military and veteran spouses. There is another Hiring Our Heroes event scheduled for Oct. 25 in Greenwood at American Legion Post 20 on Calhoun Avenue. For more information on the hiring events and work of Hiring Our Heroes, visit their website.

Nov. 12, 2012

A company that does screen printing and embroidery for promotional products is adding 50 new jobs at its Abbeville County facility. Pro Towels said Monday that it was investing \$2.5 million in the effort. Company president Kevin Nord says the company needs to expand to meet increasing customer demand. Pro Towels is moving to a new 300,000-square-foot Abbeville County location that will house offices, a warehouse and production facilities. The expansion is expected to be complete by the first quarter of next year. Company officials say the expansion will triple the facility's current square footage.

Nov. 13, 2012

Amazon is hiring for thousands of seasonal jobs at its two facilities in South Carolina, according to a spokesperson for the Seattle-based online company. According to an Amazon spokesman, the bulk of the jobs will go to the sorting facility in West Columbia. The Spartanburg County facility will receive some seasonal jobs. The Upstate location has been in operation for a month and is a non-sort facility that deals with larger items like water tanks, printers and cart hoods. The spokesperson said the jobs will most likely last to the end of the holiday season, depending on volume. Amazon has said it is hiring approximately 50,000 temporary workers nationwide for the holiday season. The Spartanburg facility is located off of John Dodd Road and employs about 400 workers.

Nov. 16, 2012

South Carolina's unemployment rate has gone down by one half of a percentage point while North Carolina's rate decreased a fraction. The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday that the state's jobless rate was 9.1 percent in September. That's down from August, when state unemployment was 9.6 percent. Nationally, unemployment was 7.8 percent in September, the lowest level since January 2009. Agency officials say that the number of unemployed people in South Carolina dropped by nearly 11,000 over the past month. Earlier this month, the jobless benefits agency announced it was implementing layoffs of its own. Department officials said the cuts were necessary after the elimination of federal funding for emergency compensation and extended benefits programs. The agency says the cuts will not affect anyone receiving benefits. North Carolina's unemployment rate decreased a fraction in September to 9.6%, dipping back after a similar rise the previous month. The state Commerce Department released the data Friday, the last look before Election Day into the state's unemployment rate's direction. The number of people employed increased by nearly 30,000 in September to 4.2 million. About 62,000 more are drawing paychecks than this time last year

when the state unemployment rate was 10.7%. The number of people unemployed fell by 3,500 to less than 450,000.

Nov. 20, 2012

The South Carolina unemployment rate dropped by half a percentage point for the second month in a row. The state Department of Employment and Workforce said Tuesday that the October jobless rate fell to 8.6%. That's 1.5 percentage points lower than a year ago. It's the lowest rate in nearly four years. In September, South Carolina's unemployment had fallen to 9.1%, mirroring a nationwide trend of falling jobless numbers. In October, national unemployment moved up slightly to 7.9% as more people looked for work. Government jobs in South Carolina increased by about 5,000 in October. There were other gains in trade, financial services and education. But the hospitality industry posted 400 jobs lost because of seasonal drops.

Nov. 27, 2012

The state's unemployment agency says about 29,000 South Carolinians will stop receiving jobless benefits at year's end as federally funded extensions expire. The state Department of Employment and Workforce sent a reminder Tuesday that payments to those in the federal program will stop by Jan. 3. The agency says that means the loss of \$6.2 million weekly. Anyone filing for unemployment insurance after Dec. 29 will be eligible only for the maximum under state law of 20 weeks of benefits paid by employers. Unemployed South Carolinians had qualified for up to 78 weeks of payments thanks to two different federally paid extensions. One of those expired in April. A law passed by Congress in February phased out the other. Congress initially approved those 42 weeks of emergency benefits in 2008.

Dec. 5, 2012

An industrial chemical manufacturer announced they will open a new plant in Gaffney, creating several new jobs. Royce Associates, a manufacturer and supplier of industrial chemicals, said they will invest \$1 million, generating 25 new jobs. The company recently bought a 14-acre site and 48,000-square-foot building along Peachview Boulevard. "Gaffney is a perfect fit for Royce. Geographically, it makes a lot of sense with our current and future customer base," said Harry Anand, president of Royce International. "We are recognized for industry leading technical experts in the various industries we serve. We plan to bring this technology to our new Gaffney site and use this as the foundation for our next stage of growth." The Gaffney plant will house Royce's chemical production and distribution operations, serving customers in the textile, paper, construction and plastics markets. They said the facility should be operational by the end of the year. They are hiring for new positions immediately. Anyone interested in job opportunities with the company should send an e-mail to career@royceintl.com. Royce was founded in 1929 in East Rutherford, NJ, and has five other facilities across the country and several internationally.

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Dec. 21, 2012

The unemployment rates in the Carolina's unemployment rate has dropped again. South Carolina's unemployment rate has dropped for the fourth straight month. The state Department of Employment and Workforce says the jobless rate in November was 8.3 percent. That's down .3 percentage points from the October rate. The number of people without jobs dropped by more than 6,000. The number of people who were working increased by nearly 10,000. The unemployment rate has dropped 1.5 percentage points in the past year. The national unemployment rate last month was down to 7.7 percent. Employment in the retail sector increased by 5,500 workers with the holiday season. Government employment increased by 3,100 positions. The tourism and hospitality industry lost about 2,200 jobs since October. Marion County had the highest unemployment rate at 15.8 percent. Lexington County had the lowest rate at 6.3 percent. North Carolina's unemployment rate dropped slightly in November from a month earlier as the state gained nearly 35,000 new jobs. The state Commerce Department released figures Friday showing that the rate dropped to 9.1 percent from 9.3 percent in October. The figures show a significant improvement from the same time one year ago, when unemployment was 10.4 percent. The state still trails the national rate, which was 7.7 percent in November. The largest monthly increase came in the trade, transportation and utilities sector, which gained 7,300 jobs. , Professional and business services added 5,400 jobs, and education and health services had 4,900 more workers. Since February 2010, when the state's unemployment rate reached its highest mark of 11.4 percent, North Carolina has gained about 145,000 jobs.

Dec. 21, 2012

A battery technology company announced Friday that they will move their headquarters to Henderson County from Nevada, creating more than 100 jobs. Zentric, Inc. said it will open its headquarters at an existing facility on Continuum Drive in Fletcher, creating 116 jobs and investing \$7 million during the next few years. Zentric develops battery technologies and fuel cell storage and said its new headquarters will allow them to further its battery and solar technology developments. "Henderson County offered a strong business climate balanced with a focus on sustainability, elected leadership that understood business needs, and access to a qualified workforce – all of which help to ensure our company's successful start-up," said Zentric President William Tien. Zentric plans to expand the Fletcher facility in 2014.

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Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2012**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

Description:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

National Guard, Project Roadblock

Oct. 2, 2012

People in South Carolina who want to vote in the upcoming election and have not yet registered have until Saturday to do so. On Tuesday, the Justice Department approved South Carolina's online voter registration law. The law allows voters with a valid state driver's license or another identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. People may also register at their local board of voter registration office. According to the state Election Commission, people who want to register to vote must be a U.S. citizen who is at least 18 years old, a resident of South Carolina, not under a court order declaring them mentally incompetent, not confined in a public prison and never convicted of a felony or offense against election laws or, if previously convicted, must have served their entire sentence, including probation or parole or has received a pardon for the conviction. In North Carolina, residents have until Oct. 12 to register. Georgia residents can register to vote until Oct. 9. The general election will be held Nov. 6.

Oct. 27, 2012

Federal judges are questioning whether South Carolina can wait until 2014 to put its new voter ID law into effect. A three-judge panel raised the question Monday as an attorney for South Carolina delivered closing arguments in a trial over whether the state's new voter ID law is discriminatory. The attorney urged the judges to allow the law to be implemented in time for the Nov. 6 election. He said voters who don't have the required photo ID would be allowed to cast provisional ballots. South Carolina went to court after the Department of Justice blocked the law, saying it diminishes minorities' voting rights. South Carolina is required to get federal approval for the law because of its history of discrimination against minority voters. A decision is expected next month.

Oct. 29, 2012

With 37 days to go until voters head to the polls, Vice President Joe Biden is scheduled to visit Asheville on Tuesday. According to a release from the campaign, Biden will hold a grassroots event at the Justice Center on

the campus of UNC Asheville at 3:30 p.m. Doors to the crowd open at 1:30 p.m. There were no planned stops for either Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney or his running mate Paul Ryan in the month of October, according to the campaign's website. North Carolina is among nine states being considered a swing state in the Nov. 6 election.

Oct. 29, 2012

Gov. Nikki Haley's chief of staff is leaving the governor's office to head up her possible re-election bid. Tim Pearson is returning to campaign mode. Haley spokesman Rob Godfrey said Monday that Pearson would make the move Oct. 15. The Republican governor insists she hasn't decided whether to run for re-election in 2014. Godfrey says Haley likely won't decide until after the 2013 legislative session ends next summer. But Pearson will handle Haley's political operation in anticipation of her bid for a second term. The 30-year-old Pearson managed Haley's successful come-from-behind campaign in 2010 and has been her chief of staff since her inauguration. He makes nearly \$129,000. Haley says Pearson brought a tireless dedication to his role as chief of staff, and she's glad he won't be going far.

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Nov. 6, 2012

President Barack Obama has won reelection. Obama overtook the lead in the electoral votes after the Associated Press called the races in California, Washington, Hawaii and New Mexico. When AP projected victory in Ohio, it gave the president 274 electoral votes. It takes 270 to win. Obama leads in Florida, where 29 more electoral votes are at stake. He leads by about 40,000 votes of nearly 8 million cast, roughly 90 percent of the votes, with mostly Democratic counties in South Florida remaining to be counted. Republican challenger Mitt Romney dominated the South and Midwest and captured Texas, his biggest electoral prize with 38 votes. He added Missouri and Idaho in the West. Obama took Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, the home state of Republican Vice Presidential nominee Paul Ryan. Obama also took Minnesota and CNN awarded him California shortly after the polls closed. He also handily won New Hampshire, a pre-election tossup state with four electoral votes. Romney took North Carolina and has led in Virginia all night, though Obama just closed to within a half a percentage point. Obama leads in Colorado which is a tossup, and holds a solid lead in New Mexico, where he's expected to win.

Nov. 7, 2012

Barack Obama told an electric crowd of thousands "the best is yet to come" in his first speech after being re-elected president. "The task of perfecting our union moves forward," Obama said. "It moves forward because of you. It moves forward because you reaffirm the spirit that has triumphed over war and depression." He said he would return to the White House "more inspired than ever," and work with members of all parties to solve the issues facing the nation, namely jobs. But he called upon all citizens as well, telling them their duty did not end with their vote. "America, I believe we can build on the progress we've made and continue to fight for new jobs, new opportunity and new security for the middle class," Obama said. He credited Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney and his family for their service. Also, he said he looked forward to speaking with Romney about ways they could work together and improve the country. Obama told everyone who had voted or participated in the campaign that they "made your voice heard, and you made a difference." And he expressed his appreciation to all of his supporters who made the night possible. "Thank you for believing all the way," he said. "Through every hill, through every valley, you lifted me up the whole way with all the work you've done." Michelle Obama and their daughters, Sasha and Malia, escorted him out to the stage and greeted him after, along with Vice President Joe Biden. Obama talked about how his daughters had grown "before our eyes" into smart beautiful women. He talked about how he also watched as the country fell in love with the woman he loved. "I wouldn't be the man I am today without the woman who agreed to marry me 20 years ago," Obama said. "Michelle, I have never loved you more." Romney conceded the election to Obama and offered a message of bipartisanship. "This is a time of great challenges for America, and I pray the president will be successful in guiding our nation," Romney said. In a six-minute speech, he said the nation was at "a critical point" and asked members of both major parties to put people above politics. He also thanked his supporters, his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, and his wife, Ann. "I believe in America," he said. "I believe in the people of America. I ran for office because I'm concerned about America. This election is over, but our principles endure." A majority of voters across the U.S. picked Obama as their choice to move the country "Forward." The Associated Press reported Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney called Obama to concede the race shortly before making his speech. Toss-up state Ohio and the election were called for the incumbent around 11:18 p.m. ET. On his official Twitter, the president's campaign sent out a tweet that said "four more years" with a picture of him embracing his wife, Michelle. Initial reports out of the Romney camp stated he was not ready to concede, and Ohio results could be challenged to a recount. However, Obama then picked up apparent victories in swing states Colorado, Iowa, Nevada and Virginia, meaning he did not need the Buckeye State to win. The AP has given him a projected total of 303 electoral votes, with Florida too close to call.

Nov. 20, 2012

Gov. Nikki Haley said the state should have done more to protect taxpayers' information after the South Carolina Department of Revenue's records were hacked. During a press conference at the State House on Tuesday, Haley announced official findings after Mandiant's investigation into the security breach, which affected 5.7 million taxpayers and their children's Social Security numbers. Haley said in all, 3.8 million taxpayers who filed electronically along with 1.9 million dependents, 3.3 million bank account numbers, nearly 700,000 businesses and 500,000 expired credit card numbers were accessed by an international hacker. All of the victims' information has been identified and officials are working to notify everyone affected, Haley said Tuesday. She said victims would receive a letter in the mail soon and those who had signed up for protection with Experian would receive an email as well. Haley said the state should have done a better job to protect taxpayers' data, including encrypting their social security numbers. She said the state was operating with a 1970's era system and two major vulnerabilities that the Mandiant report identified. She said the report discovered that SCDOR did not

have dual verification to get into their system and did not encrypt the most sensitive information. She said the Internal Revenue Service does not require states to encrypt social security numbers but urged leaders to change this policy. Haley also announced that the Director of Department of Revenue Jim Etter turned in his letter of resignation in the wake of the breach. He will remain on until Dec. 31 and Bill Bloom will serve as the interim director. The international hacker breached SCDOR's system multiple times, Haley first announced in October. There was no new information released with regards to the state's criminal investigation. Haley said taxpayers' information who filed via paper was not compromised in the breach but those who filed electronically since 1998 was made vulnerable. Last week, Haley issued an executive order requiring all Cabinet agencies to comply with the Department of State Information Technology (DSIT) and requiring security monitoring 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Since news of the breach was made public, a Greenville attorney filed a class-action lawsuit against Haley, SCDOR, Trustwave and DSIT in connection with a hacking case. The state has set up a year of daily monitoring of the three credit bureaus and a lifetime of over-the-phone help on resolving identity theft after it happens through Experian. People are asked to visit protectmyid.com/scdor and enter code SCDOR123 or call 1-866-578-5422 to determine if their Social Security number was accessed. Haley said the state is working with Experian to expand protection and will release more about it next week. Haley said in a previous press conference that Dun and Bradstreet Credibility Corp. will offer free credit-monitoring service to any businesses affected by the hacking case. She said the businesses can sign up for the service at dandb.com/sc or by calling 800-279-9881.

Dec. 10, 2012

South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia are among more than 20 states who have filed petitions for President Barack Obama's administration to allow them to secede from the Union. The petitions began appearing on the White House website shortly after Obama won re-election Nov. 6. The request for sovereignty opens with the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, which reads: "When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation." It then quotes, in part, another sentence from the historic document: "...Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and institute new Government..." The petitions aim for a goal of 25,000 signatures by Dec. 10. As of Monday night, the petition for South Carolina had garnered 7,603 signatures. North Carolina's petition had received 10,651 signatures and 10,445 people had signed Georgia's petition. Furman University Political Science Professor Don Aiesi said that the Constitution does not allow for the secession of states, but it does allow citizens to leave the country if they are unhappy with the government. "Constitutionally, 'We the people,' is what our country is about," Aiesi said. "There's nothing that restricts an individual. They have the right to leave this country, and the right to renounce their citizenship. They have the right to go wherever they wish, but they do not have the right to take all the people of a state with them." Aiesi also pointed out that the point of the Civil War was to stop the Southern states from leaving the Union. In December 1860, South Carolina was the first state to secede before the start of the Civil War less than a year later. So far, Texas has received the most signatures on its petition - 40,646.

Dec. 18, 2012

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Dec. 21, 2012

Ex-South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford may have plans to make another run for his former congressional seat. News outlets are reporting that Sanford will seek the congressional seat in District 1, that will be vacated by Tim Scott's appointment to the U.S. Senate to fill outgoing Sen. Jim DeMint's seat. The official announcement is not expected until after Christmas. So far, there is only one official candidate running to fill the seat. A primary election will be held in March to narrow down the candidates by party.

Dec. 24, 2012

The body of an Upstate soldier killed in Afghanistan returned to Greer Monday afternoon. Greer native Sgt. Channing "Bo" Hicks' remains arrived at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport at 2 p.m. and were transported through downtown Greer during a tribute parade. Those wanting to show their support lined the streets, waving flags along downtown as Patriot Guard Riders escorted his body to Woods Mortuary on West Poinsett Street. Hicks, 24, was killed on Nov. 16 when his unit was attacked with explosives and small arms fire, according to Department of Defense officials. His family told FOX Carolina that Hicks was in ninth grade, just after

9/11, when he set his mind on joining the Army, and nothing was going to stop him. Hicks graduated from Greer High School in 2006 where he played football. He was the father of two children, ages 6 and 7. "When most high school seniors graduate they go to the beach and have fun," said Hicks' uncle, Dennis Hicks. "Bo, when he graduated, eight days later he went to basic training, that's how serious and dedicated he was." Hicks' visitation is scheduled for Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Greer and his funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the church. Hicks will be buried with full military honors at the Wood Memorial Park on Gap Creek Road in Duncan. Twenty-three-year-old Spc. Joseph Richardson, of Arkansas, was killed in the same attacks as Hicks. Both men were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, KS.

Dec. 25, 2012

The Legislative Audit Council will look into how the South Carolina Department of Social Services handles services for children. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports the council agreed Monday to an audit amid reports of children starved to the death, sexually abused and dying of illnesses that could have been treated. While the audit will look at a several concerns about DSS, the request focuses on child safety. More than 30 concerned state Republican House members recently wrote the council and, among other things, asked if state and federal laws for child protection are being followed by local DSS offices. DSS spokeswoman Marilyn Matheus says the agency was told Tuesday the audit will likely begin next year. She says DSS will cooperate fully.

Dec. 27, 2012

Would you care if your neighbors owned guns? And would you want to know if they did? A newspaper in New York compiled a database for folks in two counties outside of New York City that shows exactly which homes have permits for guns. The database is on the *Journal News* website. The suburban New York newspaper created an interactive map showing Westchester and Rockland counties. The dots represent homes of every handgun permit owner in the area. Not all the homes actually have guns there, and it's only for handguns, because in New York a permit isn't required for long guns. The paper said it got the data by filing a Freedom of Information request to clerks of those counties. The information is public record. Many commenters to the article were upset that responsible gun owners are being called out. Gun owners at Sharp Shooters Gun Club and Range in Greenville didn't seem to mind. "It's different in New York than it is in South Carolina. They're mostly anti-gun up there and we're pro-gun down here. So, I could care less if my neighbors knew it," said co-owner, Sam Clark. Clark is former law enforcement and a concealed weapons class teacher. He said it is best not to tell people if you're carrying, but mostly for convenience purposes, so fewer questions will be asked by passers-by. A big concern expressed in New York is if the database will make it easier for burglars to know where there aren't guns or letting burglars know where to steal them. Clark said in South Carolina having a gun should deter criminals because people aren't afraid to use them. When it comes to journalistic ethics the Poynter Institute, a school for journalists, weighed in on the database debate. A senior faculty member, Al Thompkins, called the publishing of all the names and addresses, "journalistic arrogance." He said there is no reason for it and if anything, it "just encourages gun owners to skip the permitting."

Attachments



Environment

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Replanting Forests, Forrest Fire prevention, Discovering Nature, World Wildlife Fund, Arbor Day Foundation

Oct. 19, 2012

Forecasters warned of a dust plume that was headed for the western North Carolina mountains Friday afternoon. The National Weather Service issued a statement that said a strong storm system had kicked up a plume of dust in the Central Plains on Thursday. According to the statement, the high winds associated with the low pressure system had pushed the plume into the western slopes by Friday afternoon. Forecasters said the dust plume will continue moving east through Friday, resulting in hazy conditions across much of the mountains. They said that visibilities could be reduced to about three miles at times.

Oct. 27, 2012

AAA Carolinas said Thursday that the effects of Hurricane Isaac, including increasing gas prices, will keep Labor Day travel this year near the same level as last year. The travel agency said 424,000 people in South Carolina and 926,300 people in North Carolina will travel more than 50 miles from home over the three-day weekend. "A month ago, we expected a robust increase this year for the Labor Day holiday travel weekend, but with the recent spike in gas prices and the threat of Hurricane Isaac, many last-minute travelers will choose to stay home," said David E. Parsons, president and CEO of AAA Carolinas. In South Carolina, the most expensive gas was found in Charleston - an average of \$3.54 per gallon, the agency said. AAA Carolina reported the most the most expensive gas in North Carolina was found in Greensboro - an average of \$3.77 per gallon. Experts said the iffy weather for beaches is also likely playing a role in the decisions of travelers. In addition to the rising gas prices, hotel rates have increased, according to AAA. The agency said its three-diamond hotels are up 4 percent from last year, while its two-diamond hotels are up 6 percent. People who are flying during the holiday seem to be the only people with good news this weekend. Airfares have decreased 4 percent from last year, according to AAA.

Oct. 29, 2012

Several emergency workers from the Upstate of South Carolina were heading north Monday to help local first-responders during Hurricane Sandy. The powerful storm increased in strength Monday as it neared the New Jersey Coastline - 90 mph winds with 115 mph gusts. Millions of people were ordered to evacuate some of the most heavily populated areas of the United States in advance of the storm, but emergency crews are preparing for the worst. Greg Shore, of Med Shore Ambulance Service, said his agency has sent 22 ambulances and a

maintenance vehicle to New York ahead of the storm. He said a team of 44 people is planning to stay in the region for up to two weeks. Vital Care EMS told FOX Carolina that it has sent five ambulances to New York, and is assisting the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Local chapters of the American Red Cross sent 12 volunteers to the Northeast. "Over the last four or five days, the American Red Cross has been moving hundreds of personnel and vehicles into what is going to be the most likely affected areas because of storm Sandy," said Red Cross spokesman Brian Scoles. Utility crews from the Carolinas are also heading toward Sandy territory. The South Carolina Electric Cooperatives reported that 108 employees have been sent to help support local utility workers. Duke Energy posted a message on Twitter, saying that 1,200 workers have been sent north. Massive flooding and high winds were reported well ahead of the landfall of Hurricane Sandy.

Oct. 30, 2012

As more rain continued to move across the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia on Tuesday, some Upstate residents received a little more than rain. Dispatchers in Anderson County said one neighborhood had several reports of damaged homes and downed trees as storms rolled through about 5 a.m. The storm damage was reported along Monitor Drive and Kingsboro Road near the 28 Bypass in Anderson. FOX Carolina Meteorologist Alex Wilson said the National Weather Service reported a patch of 50 mph winds around the same time in that area. Many Upstate residents have received a soaking since early Monday when the storms began moving in. The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for Anderson County until 9 a.m. with the chance for more than 2 inches of rainfall possible in the central part of the county. According to a Weather Service report at about 6 a.m., law enforcement reported flooding in some parts of the city of Anderson, particularly near Highway 81. Greenville, Pickens, Henderson and Transylvania counties were also under flash flood warnings until 9:30 a.m. A tornado warning was issued for Cherokee County until 10 a.m. as storms continued to move through the Gaffney area. The National Weather Service urged residents to seek shelter and wait out the storm. FOX Carolina meteorologists warned for the potential of high winds as the severe storm moved northeast along Interstate 85. Officials in Cherokee and Cleveland counties did not report any signs of a funnel cloud or tornado in the area.

Nov. 7, 2012

The Army Corps of Engineers estimates that Hurricane Sandy did about \$3 million in damage to Folly Beach. The corps said Tuesday that an assessment of the beach erosion at Folly estimates that it will cost between \$2.7 million and \$3.5 million to restore the sand on the beach. The corps says the storm took up to 100,000 cubic yards of sand from Folly. Hurricane Irene last year took an estimated 325,000 cubic yards of sand. The corps earlier had estimated it would take up to \$20 million to restore the beach from Irene's damage. Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin says he hopes federal approval for the effort will come soon. Goodwin says Sandy may have added another \$1 million to the city's cost of beach renourishment.

Nov. 26, 2012

Thanks to snow dumped on the mountains by Superstorm Sandy, two popular ski resorts in western North Carolina will open historically early on Halloween. Both Cataloochee Ski Area and Sugar Mountain Resort reported Tuesday that they will open Wednesday morning. Snow along with cold temperatures moved into the mountains Monday night. The National Weather Service reported that some locations in the highest elevations received as much as two feet of snow by Tuesday evening. A statement on Cataloochee's website said machines at the resort have been making snow since early Monday. It's only the second time in the resort's history that the slopes will open on Halloween. According to Sugar Mountain's website, the snow machines have been chugging away since Sunday evening. Wednesday will be the earliest it has ever opened the slopes in its 43-year history. Previously, the earliest opening day was Nov. 5, 1976. The snow is forecast to end by Wednesday morning, but cold temperatures should allow for snow making for the remainder of the week.

Nov. 27, 2012

Forecasters warned of heavy snow possible in the western North Carolina, while a few flakes are possible in the northern Upstate. The National Weather Service issued a winter storm watch for most of western North Carolina until 6 a.m. Wednesday. A high wind warning and freeze warning was also issued for the same area. FOX Carolina Chief Meteorologist Kendra Kent said wind gusts reached over 40 mph in the mountains and over 30 mph in the Upstate on Monday night. Kent said Sandy's nature as a "superstorm" is the result of a tropical storm system that intensified as it moved through the Atlantic then met up with upper level energy that was moving through Canada and the northern United States, making the system so unique - becoming a hybrid system. That system sent cold weather, wintry mix and snow south. That snow was forecast to fall throughout Monday and Tuesday in western North Carolina. Kent said that by Tuesday morning, most roads from Asheville northward would be icy. She said some locations south of Asheville could have some slick spots. By the time the storm is over Wednesday, as much as 10 inches of snow is possible in the highest elevations of the mountains, Kent said. She said as little as 4 inches could fall in the lower elevations of North Carolina. As of early Tuesday morning, snow fall had totaled more than 4 inches in some areas. The National Weather Service reported unofficial observations of a snowfall of 4 inches in Bakersville in Mitchell and Transylvania counties, 6 inches in Madison County and 3 inches in parts of Buncombe and Haywood counties. Kent said flurries could be seen as far south as the northern part of the Upstate, but no slick spots are expected on roads in South Carolina. Duke Energy was reporting more than 2,500 outages in Henderson County but had restored power to nearly half of those customers by 8 a.m. Power was also restored to all but about 330 in Rutherford early Tuesday morning. Spartanburg County and Greenville had very few outages. Progress Energy reported that more than 600 customers were without power in both Buncombe and Mitchell counties. Duke also reported several hundred customers without power in Polk County and Spartanburg and Cherokee counties in the Upstate. Once the storm is over, freezing conditions move in, creating black ice and slippery roads in the mountains, Kent said. She said winds in the Upstate should keep frost from developing Monday night, but lighter winds Tuesday night could allow frost to form. North Carolina Department of Transportation officials reported that Interstate 26 at mile marker 9 was impassible in both directions in Madison County near Mars Hill about 4:30 a.m. The North Carolina Highway Patrol reported about 3 inches of snow in that area near the Tennessee state line. Troopers said so far, northern counties including Yancey, Mitchell, Madison and Avery were seeing a lot of slush on the roadways as snow continued to fall. Dispatchers said there have no major accidents reported. Earlier Tuesday morning, troopers also said the left lane of westbound Interstate 40 near mile marker 7 and the Tennessee line was slushy, but the right lane was open. DOT officials also reported impassable roads along US 64 near Highlands in Macon County because of patches of ice and slick, icy roadways along US 221 near Marion in McDowell County. A few school districts altered schedules Tuesday because of the storm. See the complete list of closings and delays here. North Carolina Gov. Bev Perdue declared a state of emergency for all of western North Carolina, freeing up resources to respond to dangerous weather conditions. To prevent gas price gouging, state officials activated a North Carolina law preventing businesses from rising prices during disasters.

Dec. 4, 2012

People in the western Carolinas have enjoyed a recent stretch of unseasonably warm weather. In fact, the National Weather Service in Greer said the mercury climbed to 73 degrees on Tuesday, tying the day's record high set in 1998. The warm weather forced Ice On Main, the outdoor ice-skating rink in downtown Greenville, to close until temperatures cooled down. Some people said they loved the warm weather. However, others said they look forward to wearing the scarves and sweaters during the Christmas season - a near impossibility with the spring-like temps. For those who prefer the cold, FOX Carolina Chief Meteorologist Kendra Kent said she has

some good news - at least for a little while. Kent said a cold front will swing through the area, bringing showers and a cool down to the western Carolinas. She said Thursday will be the coolest day of the week, with highs in the 50s, which is seasonable. Temperatures will quickly rebound, however, Kent said. She said temps will once again climb into the 70s by late in the weekend for the Upstate. Kent said another cold front moves into the region early next week, bringing the cooler air back.

Dec. 5, 2012

The Army Corps of Engineers estimates that Hurricane Sandy did about \$3 million in damage to Folly Beach. The corps said Tuesday that an assessment of the beach erosion at Folly estimates that it will cost between \$2.7 million and \$3.5 million to restore the sand on the beach. The corps says the storm took up to 100,000 cubic yards of sand from Folly. Hurricane Irene last year took an estimated 325,000 cubic yards of sand. Sandy's destruction along East Coast The corps earlier had estimated it would take up to \$20 million to restore the beach from Irene's damage. Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin says he hopes federal approval for the effort will come soon. Goodwin says Sandy may have added another \$1 million to the city's cost of beach renourishment.

Dec. 14, 2012

During the coldest months of the year, many animals need help staying warm and healthy. The Oconee County Sheriff's Office is taking this need very seriously. Lt. Mark Lyles and his crew work to make sure pets stay safe and warm by checking in on pets and their owners in Seneca. "With the winter months coming on, making sure they have dog house , rabies shots, dogs are vaccinated," said Lyles. "We're just working with people of Oconee County." This will be Lyles' third round of checks for the month of December, and the goal is to reach 50 pet owners or more. The main purpose is to educate, not to bust pet owners. The Oconee County Sheriff's Office wants people to understand that rabies vaccinations are a requirement, spaying and neutering is best and pets need a warm shelter in the winter. Many Seneca residents are also behind these checks. "It's a good, especially because there's animals being neglected," said Bobby and Mary Owens, Seneca residents. "Behind me there was a guy who had a dog back there, a pit, you ought to have seen that. Dog was real bad." As they made their way through Seneca, the crew made plenty of contacts and spread the word on proper pet care. Along the way, they found some puppies who needed to be placed in a good home. The owner surrendered them voluntarily. "Yeah, he didn't want the puppies, he was keeping it for someone whose house burned down and she came in pregnant," said Nicole Hubbard with the Oconee County Animal Control. These puppies are on their way to the Greenville Humane Society, and hopefully they will find a warm and cozy home for Christmas. Many pet owners in Oconee County are better educated after Thursday on how to help their pets feel warm, secure and happy this holiday season.

Dec. 20, 2012

As a cold front continues to move east across the country, rain drenched the western Carolinas and winds continued to increase on Thursday. FOX Carolina meteorologist Andy Wood said winds will pick up drastically Thursday night and into Friday, with potential gusts of up to 75 mph on Friday in some areas. While most of the area saw heavy rainfall throughout Thursday, Wood said most of the wet weather should move through by nightfall. He said sustained winds in northeast Georgia and the Upstate could reach 30 mph with gusts up to 40 mph as temperatures fall into the 30s late Thursday night and during the early morning hours. The mountains and western North Carolina will see slightly stronger winds and the chance of some snowfall in the high elevations. Mitchell and Yancey counties are under a winter weather advisory from midnight Thursday until midnight Friday. The strong winds are expected across the western Carolinas through Saturday morning. Most of

western North Carolina is under a high wind warning from 7 p.m. on Thursday until noon on Saturday while most of the Upstate and northeast Georgia are under a wind advisory during the same timeframe.

Dec. 26, 2012

Heavy rain moved through the area overnight, but forecasters said their attention now turns to the high winds and snow showers expected Wednesday. A powerful storm system that moved through the Southeast on Tuesday brought strong storms and heavy rain. In the western Carolinas, that heavy rain left behind flooding, closed roads and power outages. The Highway Patrol reported several roads closed because of flooding and trees that had fallen into the roadway. Most of them were in Greenville and Spartanburg counties. By early afternoon, most of the closed roads were reopened. Most of the power outages were reported in North Carolina, according to Duke Energy's website. More than 1,300 customers were without power in Jackson County, and more than 200 people were without electricity in Rutherford County. In South Carolina, the largest number of power outages was reported in Greenville County, where more than 880 people were without electricity. By early afternoon, most power had been restored. By Wednesday morning, most of the heavy rain had moved east of the region. Forecasters said the rain will continue to taper off, but high winds will make driving tricky for the remainder of the day. The National Weather Service issued a wind advisory for all of the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia until 6 p.m. Forecasters said winds could gust to as high as 60 mph for locations above 3,500 feet. Outside of that area, winds could gust as high as 40 mph, before tapering off Wednesday night. FOX Carolina Meteorologist Andy Wood said that with the saturated soil, the high winds will likely push down trees, meaning there could be more power outages throughout the day. A winter weather advisory was also issued for Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties in North Carolina from 6 p.m. until noon Thursday. Wood said some snow showers will form along the North Carolina and Tennessee border, and could result in up to three inches of accumulation in the highest elevations. Sunny weather will return to the western Carolinas by Thursday, Wood said. He said highs will top out in the 50s for the Upstate and the 40s for the mountains. He said the next chance for rain arrives by the weekend.

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2012**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

Dropout Prevention, College Access, GED, Literacy

Oct. 3, 2012

Students across the western Carolinas are encouraged to walk to school safely on Wednesday as a part of a nationwide event. Oct. 3 is International Walk to School Day, when local schools, the department of transportation and others encourage children to ride their bikes or walk to school. More than 170 schools and 53,000 students, parents, educators and neighbors in the state will participate in Walk to School Day, according to the South Carolina DOT. While many students walk to school every day, the Oct. 3 event features large groups of students, parents and staff walking together to raise awareness for increased physical activity among children, pedestrian safety and reducing traffic congestion, among other issues. South Carolina also hosted its own statewide Walk to School Day in the spring, something the state hopes to promote annually. If you and your family participate in Walk to School Day, send your photos to iwitness@foxcarolina.com. To see if your child's school is participating in Wednesday's event, visit the event's national website.

Oct. 9, 2012

Students from four Greenville County high school raised a combined total of \$586,226.35 for local charities during their spirit week competitions. The spirit week competitions were between rival high schools Eastside and Wade Hampton, and Greenville and J.L. Mann. They ended Friday night when the total donations were tallied and presented at the school's football games. Eastside High will donate \$150,020.13 to the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, while Wade Hampton High's \$206,083.66 will be donated to the Meyer Center for Special Children. Greenville High Academy students raised \$112,754.94 for Chris and Kelly's Hope Foundation, an agency that works to prevent drug addiction, while J.L. Mann High Academy's students raised \$117,367.62, which will be donated to Project Hope Foundation for children with autism. Many Greenville County high schools host spirit week competitions with their rivals, hosting various activities including volleyball, basketball and dodge ball tournaments, silent auctions, hot dog and spaghetti dinners, profits from local restaurant sales, and midnight movie events. The schools' student councils select an organization to donate the funds raised to. Other spirit weeks planned this year include Riverside High the week of Sept. 14-21, Carolina High School Academy the week of Sept. 24-28, Blue Ridge and Hillcrest high schools during the week of Oct. 8-12, Mauldin High in February and Travelers Rest High the week of March 22-28.

Oct. 18, 2012

Clemson University trustees have given preliminary approval to a \$98 million building plan that would alter the appearance of the central campus. The Independent Mail of Anderson reports that the finance and facilities committee voted unanimously Thursday to let school administrators hire an architecture and engineering firm to

study current buildings and set cost estimates for replacing them. Clemson vice president for finance Brett Dalton said the design phase will cost \$1.74 million. Final approval of the design phase is scheduled for Friday's full board meeting. The board will also have to vote again before a construction contract is awarded. Plans call for a 179,000-square-foot dormitory, a 76,000-square-foot dining hall, including a meal-plan area, convenience store and retail restaurant. The plans also include 5,000 square feet of meeting space.

Oct. 19, 2012

The school District of Pickens County wants the public's help naming a new middle school. The new school will be located on the site of the old Easley High School on Pendleton Street. The school district is asking for name submissions by Oct. 19 and prefer ideas that recognize geographical areas and not a person. Submissions must include the suggested school name, rationale behind the name, along with entrants' name, address, phone number and or email address. Name suggestions are to be sent to nameourschool@pickens.k12.sc.us or mailed to SDPC Communication Services, 1348 Griffin Mill Road, Easley, SC 29640. A naming committee from the Easley area will narrow down the suggestions to three choices that the board of trustees will have the final say on. Name submission forms started going home with students in the Easley area Thursday.

Nov. 12, 2012

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Nov. 15, 2012

At the Meyer Center is a young woman who knows the place changed her life - and now she is helping change others lives. These days, Paige Elliott travels the halls of the Meyer Center as an employee. "I interned here in college. And about 16 months ago, our social work director needed an assistant, so she called and offered me a job," Elliott said. But years ago when she was about the age of many students, Elliott started her journey of learning to walk, talk and thrive. "I began attending when I was about 18 months and stayed until I was 6 years old," Elliott said. Elliott has a special bond with these kids, and even some of her former teachers are still here. "It's nice to interact with them," said Elliott. "I go to therapy groups, field trips, see them in the hallway and they give me hugs and it's great." Elliott was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when she was a baby. Her parents worried about what her future would hold. "When I came here, my parents were told I probably would never walk, I wouldn't be able to communicate very well and when I left I was doing all of those things," Elliott said. "I just basically use my wheelchair for long distances." She knows first-hand how the Meyer Center and its early childhood education program makes a difference in many lives every year. About 100 children attend the Meyer

Center and get the chance to experiment and explore, increase their knowledge and attend therapy under one roof. And that's why Elliott said she's looking forward to what lies ahead for herself and these children - in a place where they like to say they see miracles every day. "The kids are great and it's just fun, giving them somebody to look up to, somebody they can relate to I guess," Elliott said. "It's been nice to kind of give back, go full circle."

Nov. 29, 2012

Two students were injured in a school bus crash in Anderson County on Thursday afternoon. The two-vehicle crash happened about 4:30 p.m. near the intersection of state Highway 81 and Vandiver Road. Troopers said the bus was turning left onto the highway in front of an oncoming vehicle and was struck. The two students were taken to AnMed Health for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the bus was charged with failure to yield the right of way.

Nov. 30, 2012

Clemson University announced Friday that classes on Election Day have been canceled. Although the school will not be closed, Clemson President Jim Barker said he wanted to ensure staff and students have enough time to cast their ballots. "Tuesday, Nov. 6, is an important day in our nation's life. I urge every eligible voter at Clemson University faculty, staff and students - to make voting a priority that day," said Barker. In South Carolina, polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 3, 2012

Dozens of parents are finished camping out to get their children into one of Greenville County's most popular schools. The parents were allowed inside A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School about 7:30 a.m. Monday to put their child on a waiting list to hopefully get into the school. Many parents spent the weekend camping out to be the first in line to get their kids into the school with an engineering-based curriculum. The Greenville County School District gives all parents a chance to make a school assignment choice. The window to request changes started Monday and goes until Jan. 4. It is on a first come first serve basis. Several parents said it's worth the wait if their child gets into a good school. On Friday, one parents suffered minor injuries in the process when some parents began pushing and shoving, according to district officials. The incident has led the district to review the idea of students getting in on a first come, first serve basis.

Dec. 3, 2012

A Boiling Springs man who was a student teacher at a local high school is accused of soliciting sex from a ninth grader, police said. Spartanburg police said Benjamin Arthur, 26, is a student at USC Upstate pursuing an education degree and was student teaching at Spartanburg High School Freshman Academy when met the student whom he sent the explicit messages. Police said Arthur met the girl while student teaching and his last day was Friday. School district officials said Arthur sent the first of multiple lewd messages at 9:18 p.m. on Friday then sent more on Saturday. According to Tammy Whaley, assistant vice chancellor for university communications at USC Upstate, there was nothing Arthur had done during before or during his student-teaching assignment to indicate the potential for "this kind of behavior." "He did a good job in student teaching according to his university supervisor and his cooperating high school teacher," Whaley said. Whaley said the USC Upstate School of Education has a thorough and extensive program where faculty members observe their teacher candidates' behaviors and interactions with other students. She said they work with classroom teachers in at least three clinical settings prior to student teaching and the they are taught the Teacher's Code of Ethics, as well as the legal aspects of teacher-student behavior. Education majors must pass State Law Enforcement Division

background checks and the National Sex Offender Data Base before they are allowed to begin student teaching, Whaley said. Whaley said Arthur's conversations with the victim started casual and escalated. According to Whaley, Arthur was scheduled to graduate on Dec. 18 but now faces disciplinary sanctions and his graduation status is on hold until his case comes to trial. FOX Carolina received the following statement from Spartanburg School District Seven's Superintendent Russell Booker regarding Arthur's arrest: "Our primary concern at this point is the welfare of the student. Protecting our students and staff is our paramount duty. This individual has been prohibited from our school grounds and any school sponsored functions. We remain in close contact with local law enforcement and officials from USC Upstate." School district officials said Arthur attended all staff development meetings prior to starting as a student-teacher, including reviewing the district's Professional Personnel Code of Ethics. Arthur was arrested on Sunday and charged with criminal solicitation of a minor. He was later released on bond.

Dec. 7, 2012

Bob Jones University announced this week that it has hired an ombudsman to look into abuse allegations at the Greenville campus. The organization, known as Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment, or GRACE, will look into past incidents of abuse at BJU, and whether the university's response was adequate, according to a statement released by the university. Some alumni said the independent investigation is a long time coming. "It doesn't surprise me," said Jeffrey Hoffman, a BJU alum and executive director of BJUnity, a group made up of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered alumni of Bob Jones University. Hoffman said he's heard of everything from sexual harassment to sexual assault happening at the university, and some involving members of his own group. "There are people within the network that we support of LGBT-plus alumni, people from Bob Jones University, who have also made allegations of this nature," he said. Some of those claims are backed up by information from the U.S. Department of Education. In 2011, the DOE's crime statistics showed there were nine separate incidents of sexual assault on campus at Bob Jones University. Since then, BJU has taken steps, launching a task force to address abuse allegations. In a statement regarding the ombudsman hiring, the university said, "[BJU President Dr. Stephen Jones] wanted to make absolutely certain BJU's policies and procedures both fully comply with the law and ensure a loving, scripturally based response." University officials said they also want to make sure they didn't "under-serve" abuse victims. GRACE will start their investigation at the beginning of 2013, and will give people the opportunity to report abuse allegations on the university's website, officials said. Hoffman believes the investigation may shine a light that many in the community will need to see. "When someone tells you that [they're] the victim of childhood sexual abuse, the bottom line is you need to believe them, and you need to tell them and help them to report to authorities so the proper investigation can be done," Hoffman said. "It should never be dismissed or swept under the carpet." There was no immediate word whether the results of the investigation would be made public by the private university.

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Dec. 12, 2012

Greenville County Schools said Monday it will hold public forums as it creates a profile for the superintendent job opening up at the end of the school year. Current Superintendent Phinnize Fisher announced earlier this year that she will retire at the end of this school year. The district said it will use input received during the forums to help find Fisher's successor. Details for the forums are as follows: Nov. 30 from 6-7 p.m. at Mauldin High School and Travelers Rest High School Dec. 1 from 6-7 p.m. at Greenville Senior High School, Greer High School and Woodmont High School Greenville County School Board Chairman Roger Meek said the profile was created based on the public's input and will assist the search team in its recruiting effort. The district will also conduct a survey on its website about the job from Nov. 29 to Jan. 10. Fisher has served as the district's ninth superintendent since May 2004. She was named Superintendent of the Year by the South Carolina Associate of School administrators in 2010.

Dec. 31, 2012

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Quality of Life

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2012**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	6:00am	MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
<u>Description:</u> A church service airing Sunday mornings. (1-hour)		
Sundays	8:30am	MUD CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
<u>Description:</u> A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)		
Sundays	9:30 am	TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
<u>Description:</u> A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)		
Sundays	10:30am	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
<u>Description:</u> A church service that airs every Sunday morning and Saturday night. (30:00)		

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

Habitat For Humanity, Adoption, Pet Adoption, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Oct. 17, 2012

A new baby is expected any day at the Greenville Zoo. Zoo Director Jeff Bullock said Autumn's doing fine and should deliver any day now. She has been pregnant for 15 months and it will soon be time to give birth. Bullock said they thought it would have happened about two weeks ago, but they're still waiting. As of Monday Oct. 22, Autumn had yet to give birth. Zoo crews were working on cleaning out her pen Monday morning in preparation of her impending birth. Bullock said once the calf is born, Autumn and Walter will remain separated for several weeks to allow time for the mother and calf to bond without interruption. When the calf is born, it will take its first steps within an hour of its birth. Fans of the Greenville Zoo and Autumn having been watching online awaiting the calf's birth. The zoo has a webcam that streams live 24/7. Autumn is on a breeding loan from Boston's Franklin Park Zoo. She was paired with the zoo's male giraffe, 7-year-old Walter, who is from the San Diego Zoo. Giraffes, the tallest land animal in the world, have one of the longest gestation periods of any mammal - 15 months. They also give birth standing up.

Oct. 15, 2012

The Greenville County chapter of The Salvation Army needs volunteers to help with The Angel Tree during the following dates and times: Monday, October 15, 2012: 8:45 am – 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm – 5:00 pm Tuesday, October 16, 2012: 8:45 am – 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm – 7:00 pm Wednesday, October 17, 2012: 8:45 am – 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm – 5:00 pm Thursday, October 18, 2012: 8:45 am – 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm – 5:00 pm Friday, October 19, 2012: 8:45 am – 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm – 5:00 pm For more information about these volunteer opportunities, contact the Greenville County chapter of The Salvation Army at 864-235-4803. The Buncombe County chapter of The Salvation Army has several volunteer opportunities: Christmas Assistance Registration Days 9am-4pm - Oct. 8 through Oct. 11 & Oct. 12, 9:00am-12:00pm Caring volunteers English and Spanish speaking (one-on-one) assist disadvantaged individuals and families in the application process as they register for Angel Tree gifts and Christmas Food Boxes. Good penmanship is helpful. Location – 750 Haywood Road, West Asheville. November 22nd –Thanksgiving Dinner at Center of Hope Volunteers are needed to help with food preparation, serving and clean-up for Thanksgiving Meal provided to the public. Volunteers will serve lunch and dinner to shelter residents starting at 11:30 am and will help serve public from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Location – 204 Haywood Street, Downtown Asheville November 16th through December 14th - Angel Tree at The Asheville Mall —Volunteers are stationed at the Angel Tree during mall business hours from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm seven days a week. They assist in adopting out "Angels" by documenting simple information and checking in gifts after they are returned. Asheville Mall. Friendly faces and smiles are welcomed. Flexible hours. December 4th - 14th – Angel Tree Set-up Volunteers assist with the set-up of Angel Tree gifts by sorting and arranging for Distribution Days in our distribution warehouse. May require some heavy lifting up to 50 lbs. Located at 750 Haywood Road, West Asheville. December 11th & 12th – Packing Food Boxes-Volunteers assist in putting together and packing food boxes for families and individuals who have applied for Christmas assistance. May require some lifting up to 25 lbs. Located at 750 Haywood Road, West Asheville. December 18th & 19th Distribution of Food & Toys & 20th Distribution of Food Only – Volunteers assist families with picking up their toys and food boxes for their families/children at The Salvation Army building located at 750 Haywood Road, West Asheville. December 25th Christmas Dinner- Volunteers are needed to help with food preparation, serving and clean-up of Christmas Dinner served to the public. Volunteers will serve lunch and dinner to shelter residents starting 11:30 am. Volunteers will serve dinner to the public from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Location – 204 Haywood Street, Downtown Asheville ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Sponsoring a Child from an "Angel Tree" Sponsoring a family for Christmas Conducting Toy Drives/Hosting A Tree Conducting Food Drives *Volunteering to 'Ring the Bell' at one of our Kettle Locations (See Back)* And many other opportunities!

Oct. 19, 2012

A downtown Greenville neighborhood will soon get more access to local, fresh produce. Mill Village Farms has partnered with two local churches to build an urban farm in the Sullivan Community of Greenville, which will offer local residents fresh produce and jobs. The farm will be run by local youth between ages 13 and 21 once it is built. The workers will receive basic job skill, entrepreneurship and organic farming training. The produce grown will be distributed at the neighborhood farmer's market or donated to the Long Branch Baptist Church's food pantry. Long Branch's pastor Sean Dogan has partnered with the farm to help bring fresh food and jobs to the neighborhood. Grace Church is also supporting Mill Village Farms. "This garden is majorly important, it gives this community a sense of pride," said Dogan. "It gives them a sense of purpose, it also allows us to sow seeds for our future. We believe here at Long Branch that our youth is our future and we just believe that this is a wonderful investment." On Saturday, volunteers began building the farm and planting crops. The farm is located at located on the campus of Long Branch Baptist Church at 28 Bolt St. in Greenville.

Nov. 19, 2012

The South Carolina State Fair had about 10,000 more visitors this year. Fair officials told The State of Columbia that 452,576 people came through the gates at the fairgrounds in Columbia during the 11 days of the fair, which ended Sunday. Organizers credited good weather. The fair was dry except for some drizzle in the evening one day. Officials say they were especially pleased with the increased attendance since the fair sold fewer advance tickets this year. The record attendance for the State Fair was 492,395 in 2010.

Nov. 23, 2012

A newborn giraffe at the Greenville Zoo has been getting a lot of attention since its birth Monday night, but a Twitter account written in the calf's voice has also generated a lot of buzz. Autumn, the zoo's 6-year-old Masai giraffe, went into labor just before 11 p.m. Monday, according to Greenville Zoo Director Jeff Bullock. About 50 minutes later, Kiko arrived. He said the calf was walking by 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, and nursed for the first time just before 2 a.m. Since then, the tongue-in-cheek Twitter account @GVLBabyGiraffe has been created, giving people insight into what Kiko thinks of all the attention. The question a lot of people have been asking is, who is the voice of Kiko? On Friday's edition of FOX Carolina's *The Morning News*, the person behind the baby giraffe's tweeting was revealed to be David Haskins, a marketer from Greenville. "The night Kiko was being born, I texted my brothers and sent them a link to the live cam," Haskins said. "One of my brothers said, 'Has anybody started a Twitter account for the giraffe?' So, the next morning I started the account and started with the sarcastic comments." So far, the witty Twitter account has 782 followers. Haskins, whose Twitter handle is @SkinnySC, said that is more followers in just three days than he has in three years of using the micro-blogging service. Haskins said the reaction has been great, but one of the more fun parts of the venture has been the anonymity. "One of the fun things has been tweeting people I actually know, that don't know it's me," Haskins said. Haskins, who is not officially associated with the Greenville Zoo, said he plans to keep tweeting for Kiko as often as he can. He has also created a Facebook page and a Foursquare account for Kiko. Autumn is on a breeding loan from Boston's Franklin Park Zoo. She was paired with Walter, the zoo's 7-year-old giraffe, which is from the San Diego Zoo. According to an agreement, Franklin Park Zoo now owns Kiko. He will likely be moved to his new home after about a year. Autumn and Walter's second calf will go to the San Diego Zoo and the pair's third calf will remain at the Greenville Zoo. Bullock said he would expect to see another calf from the pair in about two years.

Nov. 29, 2012

After 66 years, the "Hot Now" light will soon be shining at two Krispy Kreme locations in Greenville. The sweet treats franchise announced Thursday that a second location will open near the intersection of Woodruff Road and Interstate 385. Although the 2,300-square-foot doughnut factory will not open until mid-January, the company said that applications are being accepted for the 50 jobs that are available at the new location. More information about the jobs can be found at sweetplacetowork.com. The Woodruff Road location will feature a drive-thru and more than a dozen varieties of the tasty treats. It will also offer a full menu of chilled drinks and signature coffee blends. Since 1946, Greenville has only had one Krispy Kreme location, which was one of the first five bakeries opened by the company. The Greenville location opened for the first time on Cleveland Street before moving to Augusta Street and settling into its current location on Pleasantburg Drive. Recently, Glenn Reese, who owns the Spartanburg Krispy Kreme location, announced that he plans to open a location in Anderson.

Dec. 14, 2012

major development proposed in downtown Greenville is moving forward. On Thursday, city council members gave the green light for the developer to continue drawing up plans. The project calls for 375 apartments and thousands of square feet for stores and restaurants. Several more votes are needed before construction can begin on the 12-acre lot at the corner of Church Street and University Ridge. However, not everyone who lives

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nearby is on board. "The plan is nice, but then again on the same token, it misses the beat," said Terry Mitchell, who lives near the planned development. Mitchell said there needs to be widening of certain streets, which are setbacks. "And literally a five-story parking deck is going to be put at my front door," Mitchell said. The Beach Company, a Charleston-based firm, has proposed the development. If approved, it would be the company's first project in the Upstate.

Dec. 15, 2012

People across the country are sounding off online and in groups, sending thoughts and prayers to the families affected by the Connecticut school shooting. In the Upstate, vigils are being organized by churches to give their communities a chance to grieve together. Friday night, last minute arrangements by leaders at Springwell Baptist Church brought parishioners together around 9:30. The crowd came a little late, and was small, but their purpose was heartfelt. They said all day they've had heavy hearts thinking about their own families, their own children and praying for the families in Connecticut who have lost so much, so close to Christmas. Executive Pastor Bill Simmons said his message come church time on Sunday will encourage his congregation to learn from Friday's events. "[We should] be grateful for what we do have and to also open up our eyes to seeing around us people who have need and sometimes the cast outs. You can't fear every person could be like this 20-year-old that would do something this evil, but how many times do we avoid people who are struggling and keep them at distance when maybe we could've been the answer that could've kept them from doing something like this," said Simmons. Simmons said the group could have just prayed at home on their own, but prayer together adds power to their message. Other vigils like these will go on throughout the community. Saturday afternoon, dozens gathered together along Woodruff Road in Greenville for a vigil. The group held signs calling for prayer for the victims and end to violence. On Sunday, a group of teens helped organize a memorial at Patton Park in Hendersonville to pray for and remember the victims in Connecticut. They wore green and white, Sandy Hook Elementary School's colors, and released balloons in their honor. The Chaplains of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office has planned a prayer vigil for Tuesday night at 7 p.m. outside of the sheriff's office at 8045 Howard St. The sheriff's office will have cards for people to sign to send their condolences to the victim's families and to let them and the first responders know that the Spartanburg County community is praying for them. Other community members have planned a community-wide balloon launch at the Greer Amphitheater for Sunday at 4 p.m. According to Marilyn Styles with In Touch Community Outreach, people are asked to launch multi-colored balloons in remembrance of loved ones along with green and white balloons released in remembrance of the Newtown shooting victims.

Dec. 17, 2012

People across the country are sounding off online and in groups, sending thoughts and prayers to the families affected by the Connecticut school shooting. In the Upstate, vigils are being organized by churches to give their communities a chance to grieve together. Friday night, last minute arrangements by leaders at Springwell Baptist Church brought parishioners together around 9:30. The crowd came a little late, and was small, but their purpose was heartfelt. They said all day they've had heavy hearts thinking about their own families, their own children and praying for the families in Connecticut who have lost so much, so close to Christmas. Executive Pastor Bill Simmons said his message come church time on Sunday will encourage his congregation to learn from Friday's events. "[We should] be grateful for what we do have and to also open up our eyes to seeing around us people who have need and sometimes the cast outs. You can't fear every person could be like this 20-year-old that would do something this evil, but how many times do we avoid people who are struggling and keep them at distance when maybe we could've been the answer that could've kept them from doing something like this," said Simmons. Simmons said the group could have just prayed at home on their own, but prayer together adds power to their message. Other vigils like these will go on throughout the community. Saturday afternoon, dozens

gathered together along Woodruff Road in Greenville for a vigil. The group held signs calling for prayer for the victims and end to violence. On Sunday, a group of teens helped organize a memorial at Patton Park in Hendersonville to pray for and remember the victims in Connecticut. They wore green and white, Sandy Hook Elementary School's colors, and released balloons in their honor. The Chaplains of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office has planned a prayer vigil for Tuesday night at 7 p.m. outside of the sheriff's office at 8045 Howard St. The sheriff's office will have cards for people to sign to send their condolences to the victim's families and to let them and the first responders know that the Spartanburg County community is praying for them. Other community members have planned a community-wide balloon launch at the Greer Amphitheater for Sunday at 4 p.m. According to Marilyn Styles with In Touch Community Outreach, people are asked to launch multi-colored balloons in remembrance of loved ones along with green and white balloons released in remembrance of the Newtown shooting victims.

Dec. 24, 2012

People who attend Greenville's annual Christmas parade this weekend will have a chance to help Harvest Hope Food Bank. The Poinsettia Christmas Parade begins at 6 p.m. Saturday and runs along Main Street from Augusta to North streets. The charity announced Monday that there will be several drop-off locations along the parade route for people to donate canned goods and non-perishable food, like canned vegetables and fruits, canned soup, canned meats, dried beans, pasta and cereal. The drop-off points are located along Main Street at: Coffee Street in front of the Bank of America building Broad Street near Ice on Main, the Peace Center and the Greenville News building Camperdown Way near Falls Park. Police said that Main Street will be closed beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday. They said drivers will be able to cross over Main Street on the side streets until 5 p.m., when all side streets will be closed within a block on either side of Main Street. Parade goers may also get a glimpse at some of their favorite FOX Carolina personalities as the foxy float rolls by the crowd.

Dec. 31, 2012

Two weeks after police said an SUV and dog were taken from a Walmart parking lot, both have been recovered. "Through the help of the community, my friends, my friends online and the online community, we've got the dog back," said Jason Tharp. On Dec. 14, Tharp said he went to the Walmart to get camping supplies and put his 6-month-old German short haired pointer Lexi in her crate in the cargo area of his SUV while he went inside. When he went back to the parking lot, his car was gone, and so was his dog. Tharp took out ads to get his dog back, and posted appeals on online message boards - and it worked. One of the tips received eventually led Travelers Rest police to an address in Greenville County. Police aren't releasing much information yet in the investigation, but they tell us the SUV and dog were found in one location. But Travelers Rest Police Capt. John Gardner said the fact that the dog was found at all is a rarity. "The longer a case goes without a resolution, the less likely that it will be a good resolution. So two weeks is a long time for a dog to be missing. For a dog to come back to an owner, that makes it really special and sweet for them," said Gardner. Tharp said he's still missing some of his stuff, but the most important thing that was taken is now back home. "Christmas came a little late this year, but it came," he said. Police charged Jonathan Hamby, 20, and Jarrod Wilson, 18, each with grand larceny. They were released from jail on bond.

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FOURTH QUARTER 2012**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	2:00pm	COPS

Description: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED (special broadcast dates)
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Description: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

Description: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

Foreclosure Scam Prevention, Anti Texting and Driving, Anti Drinking and Driving

October 2, 2012

Police said they arrested a man who was reportedly naked and bathing in a creek at a public park in front of children Sunday. Hendersonville police said they charged 34-year-old Jason Dorato of Melbourne, FL, with felony indecent exposure and possession of drug paraphernalia after he exposed himself in front of children at Patton Park. Police said they were called to the park about 1:30 p.m. after people saw Dorado bathing and when officers arrived, they said he was still "buck naked" drying his hair with a T-shirt. Officers told Dorado to put clothes on and said he appeared incoherent. Dorado exposed himself in front of children at the park, which is also near a playground, some ball fields and skate park, police said.

October 2, 2012

Spartanburg County deputies said Tuesday they filed more charges against the suspect in a series of attacks on women last month. On Sept. 25, deputies charged Rodney Davis Jr., 19, of Chesnee, with criminal sexual conduct first degree and burglary first degree. The charges were related to an assault that happened Aug. 17 at the Newport Apartments on Jeff Davis Drive. A woman told deputies that she answered a knock at her door and a man forced his way into her home and sexually assaulted her. About a week later, deputies released a sketch of the man who they believed was responsible for the crime. Two other attacks in Spartanburg County involved women being approached by a man, who tried to kidnap them, deputies said. On Tuesday, deputies charged Davis with petit larceny, two counts of kidnapping, carjacking, pointing and presenting a firearm and obtaining under false pretense, in connection with those crimes. Investigators said they believe Davis is connected to a similar attack in Cherokee County on Sept. 17. He has been charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct in connection with that crime.

Oct. 15, 2012

Authorities in Lexington accuse two men of stealing 300 car doors from a scrap metal storage site. The Dispatch of Lexington reports that 33-year-old Bobby McGee Evans and 21-year-old Jonathan Cherell Evans are charged with felony larceny and first-degree trespassing. Capt. Billy Scarboro said a man reported on Sept. 7 that the car doors were missing from property he used to store the items. The man said someone cut the fence at the site and took the car doors, which were valued at \$3,000. Scarboro said the man told him the thefts occurred sometime between Aug. 1 and Sept. 7. The two men are free on \$1,500 bonds and have a court date of Oct. 2. It's not known if they have attorneys, or if they're related.

Oct. 15, 2012

Deputies said they used a "bait" car with GPS tracker to catch whoever has been stealing cars left along Upstate interstates. Spartanburg County investigators said they have noticed a trend in vehicles stolen from along Interstates 85 and 26. Deputies placed a black Honda Accord owned by the sheriff's office near exit 77 on I-85 southbound about noon on Oct. 10 and placed a tracking device that sends text message and email alerts when it is moved. On Saturday, deputies said they received an alert at 8:20 a.m. that the car was moving so they tracked it and were able to catch up with a red wrecker towing the car. Deputies said they pulled the tow truck over along I-26 eastbound a mile from Reidville Road. Deputies detained the driver and his passenger and took them to the sheriff's office for questioning. The sheriff's office report said the tow truck company was Burnett and Sons Towing and Recovery. Deputies first spoke with the passenger, 41-year-old Jerry Burnett, who told them they first spotted the car a couple of days earlier, the report said. Deputies asked him how many other cars they had stolen the same way, and Burnett told him two others but then refused to talk anymore, the report said. The driver of the tow truck, 55-year-old Michael Pitts, told deputies someone called him to pick it up then refused to write a statement documenting that. Both Burnett and Pitts were charged with grand larceny greater than \$2,000 but less than \$5,000, possession of scheduled II controlled substance with the intent to distribute, after deputies said they found 18 pills of dextroamphetamine on the drivers-side floor board.

October 17, 2012

An Oconee County man was sentenced to 40 years in prison Wednesday after a jury convicted him of molesting an 8-year-old girl. Prosecutors said that Steven Frost was found guilty of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor. Investigators said that between October and November of last year, Frost visited the girl's home and molested her. They said the child's mother walked in on Frost in the act. Tenth Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams said the verdict will allow the victim to know that her attacker will be behind bars for the rest of his natural life.

Nov. 13, 2012

The man who was shot by two deputies at a party in Conestee last month has been charged in connection with the shooting, according to Greenville County deputies. Deputies said they responded to 712 Sixth St. about 12:15 a.m. Oct. 7 after receiving noise complaints. They said a large party and bonfire were found at the home. Investigators said that while deputies spoke with several people at the home, 33-year-old Michael Henderson got a handgun from a car. They said deputies ordered Henderson to drop the gun several times, but he refused. They said that when Henderson turned toward the deputies while still holding the gun, the deputies opened fire. "We basically transferred that use of force decision to Mr. Henderson and he refused to comply," said Deputy Laura Campbell with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. "When he turned to those deputies and raised the weapon, both deputies were in fear for their life and shot the suspect." But friends and family of Henderson said he was actually putting the weapon down when deputies fired five shots, three of those bullets hitting him in the stomach. His loved ones are very upset he remains in jail for the incident. "It hurts, it's hard on everybody because we know him," said a family friend who was at the party and wanted to keep her identity private. "He's not that kind of person." "He did not shoot at the cops, he never fired," she said. "He didn't point it at the cops, he was laying the gun down." On Tuesday, Henderson was charged with two counts of attempted murder and two counts of pointing and presenting a firearm. He is being held at the county jail. Witnesses at the scene told FOX Carolina that they feel the deputies did not give Henderson enough time to put down the gun before they fired.

Nov. 15, 2012

The housekeeper of an elderly Greenville couple was arrested for a second time by federal agents Thursday, according to detention center records. Deputies said 78-year-old Gary Wells and his wife, 77-year-old Helen, were found stabbed to death in their Terramont Drive home Oct. 3. They said the couple's bodies were found by their housekeeper, Shirley Rogers. About a week later, deputies arrested Rogers and charged her with bank card and identity fraud. They said Rogers used Helen Wells' bank card without her permission. During an interview with FOX Carolina about the local charges, Rogers denied stealing money from the Wells. She said she would never have done anything to the couple, who has helped her so much over the last five years. "I wouldn't take nothing from nobody, when I could go ask her for something and she would give it to me," Rogers said. "And she is going to get it back, cause I'm going to work (for them)." The criminal complaint from the United States District Court said Rogers is accused of theft/possession of stolen mail, unlawful use of a means of identification of another person and access device fraud. Friday, Fox Carolina spoke with Rogers about these charges. She said they are similar to the ones she faces in Greenville County, regarding Helen Wells' complaint in September, that unauthorized transactions were made with her bank card. "Every time they try something it don't work. I'm right back home. I'm tired of them harassing me. Find someone else to harass. Find out who killed them. That's what they need to be doing, instead of harassing me everyday about the damn card," said Rogers on Friday. Deputies have said that Rogers is not a suspect in the Wells' deaths.

Nov. 30, 2012

Police said they arrested three people in connection with the fatal shooting of an Indiana woman in western North Carolina in September. Cherokee Indian Police officers and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations agents obtained and served a search warrant at 1621 Olivet Church Rd. in Cherokee, NC, on Thursday in connection with the Sept. 30 shooting of 76-year-old Barbara Preidt, of Shelbyville, IN. Preidt was shot in front of Fairfield Inn and Suites on Paint Town Road, which is across the street from Harrah's Casino, according to police. Police said that someone wearing a black mask and dark clothing grabbed Preidt's purse and started firing shots. They said Preidt tried to hang on to her purse when she was shot. "This investigation has been on going for nearly two months, and our law enforcement officers and the Preidt family have been very diligent in solving this case. Our officers have done an outstanding job, and we are extremely encouraged by these arrests; many questions have been answered," said Chief of Police Ben Reed. They arrested George Nobles, 36, Ashlyn Carothers, 20, and Dwayne Edward Swayney, 43, all of Cherokee. Police said the following charges are pending: Nobles was charged by the state with first-degree murder, armed robbery, two counts of felon in possession of a firearm and a pending charge of manufacturing marijuana; Carothers was charged by the tribe with aiding and abetting armed robbery, aiding and abetting homicide in first degree and a pending charge of manufacturing marijuana; Swayney was charged by the tribe with tampering with evidence. A \$25,000 reward was offered for information leading to an arrest in the case. Preidt was the mother of seven children, grandmother of 20, she had 16 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. She was married to her husband, John, for 50 years and they were on their way to visit family in Florida when she was killed, police said.

Nov. 30, 2012

Prosecutors said a Liberty man was sentenced to nearly 30 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of molesting three young children. Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins said Damon Brown, 28, molested an 8-year-old boy, a 10-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl between Sept. 2003 and Dec. 2006. One of the children reported the crimes to a school resource officer in 2009, leading to the discovery of the other victims, Wilkins said. Brown was convicted on one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of first-degree sexual exploitation of a minor and three counts of lewd act on a minor. He was sentenced to 359 months in prison.

Dec. 3, 2012

Two people were killed and a third person was injured in a stabbing at a home near Westminster on Friday afternoon. Deputies were called to the home on Smith Farm Road near Highway 11 about 5 p.m. Investigators said the bodies of two women were found at the home. They said a third person, who is believed to be responsible for the stabbing, was found injured. The injured person was flown to Greenville Memorial Hospital for treatment, deputies said. Oconee County Coroner Karl Addis said he was an 86-year-old male companion of the older victim and lived at the home with her. Deputies said he was arrested Sunday. Addis identified the victims as Clarine Smith, 82, who lived at the home, and her niece, Sandra Smith Myers, 63, of Seneca. He said they were found dead in the living room area of the home by Myers' son, who came over after telephone calls to one of the victims went unanswered. Addis said it appears Smith and Myers were killed between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday. He said autopsies showed Smith died from a head injury due to blunt force trauma while Myers was stabbed in the chest. Neighbors told FOX Carolina the victims' family is nice and quiet, and the news is shocking. "I'm scared, being right down the road from here and me not knowing anything about it, it's really upset me," said neighbor Mary Blackmon. On Sunday, Oconee County deputies charged Nicholas Bonelli with two counts of murder in connection to the deaths. Bonelli made his first appearance in Magistrate Court on

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Dec. 11, 2012

The secretary of a Gaffney school's parent-teacher organization was arrested after Cherokee County deputies said she stole more than \$5,000 from the group. Deputies said that between Oct. 6 and Dec. 3, Hope Minor, 35, of Gaffney, forged checks on the account for the Draytonville Elementary School PTO. Minor was charged with breach of trust. She was released from the county jail on bond.

Dec. 12, 2012

Investigators continue to look for whomever killed an Upstate woman 16 years ago. Sheila Patterson Manley's body was discovered Dec. 11, 1996 on the side of the entrance ramp to Interstate 85 near exit 100 in Cherokee County, deputies said. Cherokee County Sheriff Steve Mueller said he hopes someone will come forward with information that will lead them to Manley's killer so her family can finally have some closure. Mueller and deputies spent Tuesday passing out flyers in the hopes of generating new information for their investigation. "We believe, in this case here, someone locally knows about the death of Sheila Manley and they're holding that piece of the puzzle," Mueller said. "And we believe, if they'll come forward, it will give us the things that we need to bring someone to, make an arrest in this case." Manley's niece spoke with FOX Carolina on Tuesday near where deputies were passing out flyers in the area where her body was found. "We never gave up; we never gave up," niece Tabitha Hollins said. "We never will, till we know, nobody ever gives up. I mean, we want justice. We want to see, you know, we want to see whoever did it get the right punishment." If anyone knows anything that might help investigators solve Manley's homicide, they're asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC. You can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a \$2,500 reward.

Dec. 14, 2012

Allegations of a sexual assault that happened last weekend are being investigated by the State Bureau of Investigation, according to Henderson County Sheriff's Office spokesman Capt. Frank Stout. Stout said that the incident, which allegedly happened Dec. 8 at a deputy's home, involves students at East Hendersonville High School, but no arrests have been made. Because of the nature of the accusations and the people involved in the case, deputies asked state investigators to look into it, Stout said. Stout said that no adults were home at the time the alleged sexual assault happened. A spokeswoman for the SBI could only confirm that the agency is investigating the case. Henderson County Public Schools Superintendent David Jones said he has been made aware of the allegations. He said his staff is cooperating with law enforcement during the investigation.

Dec. 21, 2012

Deputies said they have charged two people in connection with a stabbing after a fight broke out last weekend. Henderson County deputies said on Dec. 14 three people were stabbed after a fight about 10:30 p.m. in the Edneyville area. Two of the people were taken to Mission Hospital with stab wounds, deputies said. Investigators arrested one of the men who was stabbed, 39-year-old James Aiken, at his home along with 28-year-old Shannon Stepp. Aiken was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury after deputies said he stabbed the other man taken to Mission Hospital. Stepp was charged with resist, obstruct and delaying a public officer by providing false and misleading information during the investigation.

Dec. 26, 2012

The second of three people wanted in connection with a shooting at an Easley home last week was arrested Sunday, according to deputies. The shooting happened around 11 p.m. Dec. 17 at a home on Angie Lane. Investigators said two men and a woman broke into the home and shots were fired during the burglary. They said the homeowner was shot in the leg and shoulder. The night after the shooting, 31-year-old Charles Burgess and 36-year-old Lee King, both of Easley, were arrested at a convenience store on Highway 8 after an incident involving a gun. They said the vehicle Burgess and King were in matched the description of a vehicle that may have been involved in the shooting on Angie Lane. Burgess was charged with attempted murder and larceny in connection with the Angie Lane shooting. In connection with the incident at the convenience store, Burgess was charged with pointing and presenting a firearm, unlawful carry of a handgun by certain persons, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, two counts of possession of a controlled substance and having an open container. On Wednesday, Pickens County Assistant Sheriff Tim Morgan said deputies arrested Danny Adams Jr. and charged him in connection with the Angie Lane shooting. Morgan said they are still looking for the third suspect. King was not charged in connection with the Angie Lane shooting, but he was charged with unlawful carrying of a handgun, having an open container and interfering with police, in connection with the incident at the convenience store.

